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Office Action Summary

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Applicant(s)

SHIGAPOV ET AL.

Examiner

Diem Tran

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Status

- 1) ☐ Responsive to communication(s) filed on ____.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-20, 22-29 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) ____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) 1-20, 22-26 and 29 is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 27 and 28 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) ____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) ____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on ____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
- ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 - ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. ____.
 - ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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DETAILED ACTION

This office action is in response to the amendment filed on 4/5/04.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

Claim 27 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Deeba et al. (US Patent 6,375, 910).

Deeba discloses a diesel exhaust gas treatment system comprising:

an oxidation catalyst for converting at least a portion of NO contained in said exhaust gas to NO₂, said oxidation catalyst comprising platinum and a support material comprising zirconia-silica, said support having acid sites (see col. 3, lines 8-17); however, fails to disclose said catalyst having a pKa of between about 5 to 13.

It would have been obvious to one having ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to provide specific optimum ranges of the pKa of the catalyst, since it has been held that where the general conditions of a claim are disclosed in the prior art, discovering the optimum or workable ranges involves only routine skill in the art. *In re Aller*, 105 USPQ 233.

Claim 28 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Manson (US Patent 6,248,689) in view of Deeba et al. (US patent 6,375,910).

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Regarding claim 28, Manson discloses a diesel exhaust gas treatment system comprising:

an oxidation catalyst (170) positioned in an exhaust gas passage of a diesel engine for converting at least a portion of NO contained in said exhaust gas to NO₂; said oxidation catalyst comprising platinum (see col. 7, lines 30-34); and a particulate filter located downstream of said oxidation catalyst (174) (see Figure 4, col. 7, lines 41-44), passing NO₂ through said particulate filter to oxidize particulate matter trapped in the filter; however, fails to disclose that said oxidation catalyst comprises a support material being zirconia-silica. Deeba teaches that it is conventional in the art, to utilize an oxidation catalyst comprising a support material being zirconia-silica (see col. 3, lines 8-17).

It would have been obvious to one having ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made, to have utilized the teaching of Deeba in the Manson system, since the use thereof would have improved the activity of the oxidation catalyst.

Allowable Subject Matter

Claims 1-20, 22-26, 29 are allowed.

Response to Arguments

Applicant's arguments filed on 4/5/04 have been considered but they are moot in view of the new ground(s) of rejection.

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Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication from the examiner should be directed to Examiner Diem Tran whose telephone number is (703) 308-6073. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday -Friday from 8:30 a.m. - 5:00p.m.

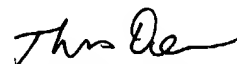
If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Thomas E. Denion, can be reached on (703) 308-2623. The fax number for this group is (703) 872-9306.

Any inquiry of a general nature or relating to the status of this application or proceeding should be directed to the Group receptionist whose telephone number is 703) 308-0861.

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